

Minutes of the Standing Committee on Energy and Technology

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Opsommer. (17/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Moolenaar, Horn. (2/19)

Representative Garfield made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Martin Kushler, Ph.D., Director of the Utilities Program for the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, provided a presentation to the Committee regarding Michigan's Energy Crisis and Why Energy Efficiency Must Be a Top Policy Priority. Topics discussed included: Michigan's Serious Energy Cost Problem; why energy efficiency should be the first policy response; energy efficiency as an electric system resource; and utility system energy efficiency policy approaches for Michigan. Also discussed were Michigan's energy vulnerability, the cost of Michigan's energy imports; effects on households and on the state economy; the increased prices of oil, natural gas and coal; and the 21st Century Energy Plan.

Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Miller made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:17 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr.

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